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Spherical crystals from water. Hygroscopic in moist air.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -40° (c = 2) for the anhydr. Sol in hot water; slightly sol in cold water and organic solvents. Yields o-fructose and o-glucose upon acid hydrolysis.

Acetate, fine powder from methanol.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -34° (c = 1.5 in chloroform);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -43° (c = 1.8 in acetic acid).

Trimethylinulin, powder from hot water + acetone, mp 140°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup> -55° (c = 1.03 in chloroform), [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup> -54° (c = 1.09 in benzenc) THERAP CAT: Diagnostic and (renal function).